

Form 30  
Submission on publicly notified application for water conservation order  
or for revocation or amendment of water conservation order

*Sections 205 and 216, Resource Management Act 1991*

**To:** Special Tribunal - Hurunui River Water Conservation Order  
c/- Alex Miller  
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This is a submission on an application from the *New Zealand and North Canterbury Fish and Game Councils and the New Zealand Recreational Canoeing Association* for a water conservation order for *Hurunui River*.

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:

The whole application

My submission is:

It is claimed in the application for the conservation order that the characteristics of the upper and lower Hurunui River are outstanding - it is my belief that any proposal to store water in this area will have no detrimental effect what so ever as the only change will be to where the water is stored (a very small area).

We consider this application restricts the resource use to the two applicants and does not take into consideration the social and economic benefits to a majority of the Hurunui residents.

Prohibiting the ability to develop the Hurunui water resource is contrary to the requirement outlined in s207(b) of the Resource Management Act.

The application is an additional process to the proposed NRRP, the Hurunui District Plan, the Hurunui River Management Plan, and the Canterbury Strategic Water Study. All of these processes have considered the values that need protecting and how they should be protected. It is a waste of tax payer resources to go through a fifth process in order to resolve a plan for the Hurunui River.

This is clearly a farming based community which is struggling at this present time as the climate changes make it more difficult to maintain production. Some of the water resource from the Hurunui River is urgently needed to ensure that young people and their families have the financial ability to continue to live here. People who live here are committed to this district on a full time basis and do not just visit at the weekends.

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I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

That the application for a Water Conservation Order on the Hurunui be DECLINED

I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

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